

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated August 14, 2006. Claims 18 and 80 have been amended. Claims 17 and 79 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 9 to 16, 19 to 27, 29 to 38 and 40 to 67 were previously cancelled. No new matter has been added by such amendments.

No fee is due in connection with this Response. However, please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for any insufficiency of payment.

The Office Action objected to Claims 17 and 79 under 37 CFR 1.75 as being substantial duplicates of Claims 4 and 74, respectively. Applicant has cancelled Claims 17 and 79 and respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn. Applicant has also amended the dependency of Claims 18 and 80 (which depended on cancelled Claims 17 and 79, respectively).

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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